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FOR AMBASSADOR SAXBE FROM STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK
OFFICE, USGAO; SECSTATE FOR DIRECTOR OPERATIONS ANALYSIS
AND GAO LIAISON (BF-GAO) FEB-76-0-14

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF GAO VISIT ON REVIEW OF FERTILIZER PRO-
DUCTION AND CONSUMPTION IN LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

THE U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE IS UNDERTAKING
A REVIEW OF FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION IN
LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE RESULTS OF THE REVIEW IN
INDIA, TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE
PHILIPPINES, PAKISTAN, INDONESIA, AND SELECTED UNITED
NATIONS AGENCIES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR REPORTING TO
THE CONGRESS AND INTERESTED EXECUTIVE AGENCIES. THE
PRIMARY PURPOSE OF REVIEWING THE FERTILIZER SITUATION
IS TO SUPPORT AND PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF THE
PROBLEMS, AND SUCCESSES EXPERIENCED BY SOME OF THE
COUNTRIES WHICH ARE OR MAY BE MOST AFFECTED BY A WORLD-
WIDE FOOD SHORTAGE.

IN THE FOUR COUNTRIES SELECTED FOR REVIEW, WE
PLAN TO OBTAIN INFORMATION TO REPORT ON THE MAJOR FAC-
TORS INFLUENCING FERTILIZER PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION.
THE FACTORS INCLUDE (1) UTILIZATION OF EXISTING PRODUC-
TION CAPACITY, (2) PLANS FOR INCREASING PRODUCTION

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CAPACITY, (3) AVAILABILITY OF CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY TO

BUILD AND OPERATE ADDITIONAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY, (4) VARIOUS INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES AFFECTING THE USE OF FERTILIZER, (5) EFFECTIVENESS OF FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS INTENDED TO INCREASE FERTILIZER PRODUCTION, AND/OR USE, (6) UTILIZATION OF AID-FINANCED FERTILIZER, AND (7) THE ADEQUACY OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO PURCHASE A COUNTRY'S FERTILIZER AND/OR FOOD IMPORT REQUIREMENTS IN THE FUTURE.

WORK WILL BE PERFORMED AT THE EMBASSY, THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND POSSIBLY OTHER LOCATIONS IN INDIA. WE REQUEST THAT APPROPRIATE AGENCY OFFICIALS BE INFORMED OF OUR PLANNED REVIEW. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, AGRICULTURE, AND TREASURY, AND THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WERE ADVISED OF THIS REVIEW BY LETTERS DATED JUNE 23, 1975.

WORK ON THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL BE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JAMES N. STAFFORD, MANAGER, BANGKOK OFFICE, AND WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE FOLLOWING GAO REPRESENTATIVES:

BONNELL, JAMES R., SUPERVISOR
PLAMONDON, RICHARD R.
RYDER, A. FREDERICK

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE PERSONNEL LISTED ABOVE HAVE BEEN GRANTED SECURITY CLEARANCE FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES FOR ACCESS TO SECURITY CLEARANCE INFORMATION CLASSIFIED UP TO AND INCLUDING TOP SECRET ON THE BASIS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 10450. THIS CERTIFICATION IS NOT TO BE HONORED UNLESS THE REPRESENTATIVES NAMED HEREIN PRESENT OFFICIAL U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE CREDENTIALS.

WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND GAO REPRESENTATIVES ARE PRESENTLY WORKING IN PAKISTAN. WE TENTATIVELY PLAN TO BEGIN IN INDIA ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 6, 1975, AND EXPECT THE WORK TO TAKE ABOUT 5 WEEKS. IN CONNECTION WITH OUR WORK, MR. A. FREDERICK RYDER WILL BE ARRIVING IN NEW DELHI ON SEPTEMBER 25, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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1975, AT 0500 FROM KARACHI VIA PAN AM 002 TO DELIVER SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS NEEDED BY OUR STAFF. HE WILL BE LEAVING NEW DELHI ON SEPTEMBER 26 AT 0610 FOR BANGKOK. REQUEST HOTEL RESERVATIONS (ONE SINGLE) AT THE HOTEL ASHOKA FOR ONE NIGHT AND TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTEL.

WE WILL ADVISE YOU OF ARRIVAL DATES OF BONNELL

AND PLAMONDON ONCE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS ARE FINALIZED.

IN REGARD TO YOUR JULY 23, 1975, MESSAGE (1578),
COPIES OF CITED REPORTS WERE OBTAINED BY GAO WASHINGTON
STAFF. IN ADDITION, GAO STAFF WILL BE CONTACTING WORLD
BANK OFFICIALS HEADQUARTERED IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING
NOT ONLY FERTILIZER PROJECTS IN INDIA BUT IN OTHER
COUNTRIES INCLUDED IN OUR REVIEW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUGGESTIONS AND ADVISING US OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
REPORTS. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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